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Westminster, January 13.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is a great Pleasure to me, that I am able to acquaint you, that the Expectations which I have from time to time given you, of seeing the general Tranquility of Europe restored and established, are now fully answered.

The Share of Credit and Influence, which the Crown of Great Britain has had in bringing about this difficult and desireable Work, and which redounds so much to the Honour and Interest of this Nation, as it is universally confessed Abroad, will, I am confident, be agreeable to my People, and acknowledged with Gratitude by you.

It is well known, that from the Time of concluding the Quadruple Alliance, the several Courts of Europe have been employed in finding Means to execute what the Principal Powers had agreed to, for the Succession of Tuscany and Parma, in favour of an Infant of Spain; but the various jarring and contending Interests, hard to be reconciled and united in effectuating a Point of so much Importance, the extended Views and Hopes of obtaining on every Side further Advantages, and the natural Jealousies and Distrusts arising among the several Powers concerned, from such opposite Principles and Purposes, had kept in Suspence, and unexecuted, what the Court of Spain had very much at Heart, and occasioned such Troubles and Disturbances, as embarassed the Affairs of Europe for many Years, and particularly affected the Interests of this Nation.

You have from time to time been informed of the different Measures and Negotiations, that have on all Sides been carrying on during this long unsettled State of Affairs; and you have enabled me to persevere in maintaining the Rights and Possessions of this Kingdom, and in preserving the Peace and Balance of Europe.

The Preliminary Articles, and the subsequent Transactions thereupon, not answering the Expectations of the Court of Spain, and creating a Coolness and Dissatisfaction among the contracting Parties of the first Treaty of Vienna, laid the Foundation of the Treaty of Seville, and thereby dissolved that Union, which had raised so many Apprehensions, and so long alarmed the World.

The Execution of the Treaty of Seville was the great Difficulty that still remained; and this, unsurmountable as it was thought, I have by your Support, and by the Confidence you reposed in me, been able to overcome by just and honourable Treaties, without coming to Extremities, and without the Hazard and Expence of a general Rupture, or kindling a War in any Part of Europe.

Parma and Placentia are now in the actual Possession of the Infant Don Carlos; the six thousand Spaniards are quietly admitted and quartered in the Dutchy of Tuscany, to secure, by the express Consent and Agreement of the Great Duke, the Reversion of his Dominions;

minions; and a Family Convention is made between the Courts of Spain and Tuſcany, for preſerving Peace and Friendſhip between thoſe two Houſes during the Life of the Great Duke.

For perfecting and finiſhing this tedious Work, conducted through a Series of infinite Changes and Viciſſitudes, and incumbered with all the different Views of Intereſt and Ambition, I concluded the late Treaty of Vienna, wherein I have entered into no Engagements contrary to former Treaties, or tending either to aggrandize or reduce the Power or Weight of any Potentate, calculated purely for preſerving a due Balance, and to avoid ſuch Confuſion, as new Changes and Convulſions upon future Events would unavoidably create, and wherein Great Britain could never ſtand by, and be an idle Spectator.

When this ſhall be duly conſidered, and it ſhall be ſeen, that the Wounds which have been long bleeding are intirely healed, groundleſs Jealouſies will ceaſe, ill Humours will ſubſide, and Peace and good Harmony return together; all Diffidence and Diſtruſt, the natural Effect of repeated Delays, artfully inſtilled, and induſtriouſly improved and aggravated, will be removed, and mutual Satisfaction be the Conſequence of the punctual and effectual Performance of all Engagements on our Side, which will ever be remembred with great Regard and Honour to this Crown and Nation, and leave an indiſpenſible Obligation upon thoſe that are immediately concerned, to make ſuch Returns as Honour and Juſtice call for and demand.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The Eſtimates for the Service of the current Year ſhall be prepared and laid before you, which you will obſerve to be conſiderably leſs than thoſe of former Years: It is a Pleaſure to me to give Eaſe to my Subjects, whenever the Welfare of the Publick will admit of it. You have ſeen the happy Effects of your former Zeal and Reſolution; Succeſs has attended my Meaſures, and you reap the Fruit of my Endeavours, and your Confidence in me; and it muſt be a Satisfaction to you to reflect, that all the Expences you have lately made, are amply recompenſed by preventing and avoiding far greater.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

This happy Situation of Affairs, I promiſe my ſelf, will inſpire you all with ſuch Temper and Unanimity, and ſuch a ſeaſonable Zeal for the publick Good, as becomes a Parliament ſenſible of the great Bleſſings they enjoy: The Duty and Affections of my Subjects are all the Return I deſire for my paternal Love and Concern for them. My Government has no Security but what is equally conducive to your Happineſs, and to the Protection of my People; and your Proſperity has no Foundation, but in the Defence and Support of my Government; our Safety is mutual, our Intereſts are inſeparable.

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 12th Day of *January*, 1731.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

This Day the following Sheriffs were appointed by His Majeſty in Council, viz.

Lincoln, Thomas Alyſon, *Jun. Eſq;*
Rutland, Joſeph Herrendine, *Eſq;*

Moſcow, Dec. 13, *O. S.* Laſt Tueſday being the Anniverſary of the young Princeſs of Mecklenbourg's Birth Day, when ſhe entred into her 13th Year, all the Foreign Miniſters and the Ruſſian Nobility went in the Morning to wait on her Highneſs, and complimented her on the Occaſion; and from thence they went to make their Compliments to the Czarina. After Dinner they returned to Court, where there was a fine Conſort of Muſick, and at Night all the Foreign Miniſters had the Honour to ſup with her Czarith Majeſty; whoſe Departure for Petersbourg is fixed for the 8th of next Month.

Hague, Jan. 18, *N. S.* M. de Ginkel is preparing to ſet out for Berlin the latter End of next Week. The Government of Geertruydenberg being vacant by the Death of General Cralingen, the Baron de Hompeſch, Son in Law to M. de Boetſelaar, is ſoliciting the ſame, which it is thought he will obtain. There is alſo a Regiment of Horſe vacant in the Rpartition of Holland, by that General's Death.

The Court of Directors of the Governour and Company of the Bank of England, give Notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank on Thurſday next, the 20th Inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, on ſpecial Affairs.

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African House, Jan. 13, 1731-2.

A General Court of the Royal African Company of England, will be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 19th Instant, at Nine a-Clock in the Forenoon, for the Choice of Governour, Sub-Governour, and Deputy-Governour for the Year ensuing; the Votes to be brought in between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon of the same Day, and the Choice will be declared immediately after the Election. And another General Court will be held at the same Place on Thursday the 20th Instant, at Nine a-Clock in the Forenoon, for the Choice of Twenty Four Assistants for the Year ensuing; the Votes to be brought in between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon of the same Day, and the Declaration of the Choice will be made immediately after the Election. By Order of the Court of Assistants,

Richard Spence.

Advertisements.

THE Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the Estates of Richard Earl of Ranelagh, deceased, give Notice, that the Freehold Mansion House and Gardens at Chelsea, Orange, Lemon and other Trees, Pictures, Household Goods and Furniture; and the Freehold Mansion House in King-street, St. James's, now in the Possession of the Lady Morgan, will be exposed to Sale by Auction, at the Lottery Office in Whitehall, on Thursday the 17th Day of February 1731, at Ten in the Forenoon. Particulars of both will be delivered at Mr. Besley's, Attorney at Law, in Norfolk-street in the Strand, at the Place of Sale, and at the respective Houses.

WHereas three South Sea Bonds, No 6209, 8714, dated March 26, 1720, and No A 1508, of 100 l each, dated the 29th of September, 1723, with the Interest paid to Michaelmas last, have been lost, with other Things of Value: If any Person will bring the said Bonds to Mrs. Baker, opposite to the Golden Cock in Stanhope-street by Clare-Market, shall have as a Reward Ten per Cent, and no Questions ask'd.

TO be sold in Somersetshire, a Freehold Estate of about 120 l. per Annum, consisting of two Farms, one called West Withies and Withy Down, in the Occupation of William Bucknall; and the other called Eastmore, in the Occupation of Thomas Grinlade, all in the Parish of Upton, in the County of Somerset. Enquire of Mr. Thomas Smith, at his Chambers No 13, in Coney-Court, Gray's-Inn, where Particulars may be had.

TO be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Spicer, Esq, one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Clifford's-Inn, the Reversion and Inheritance of divers Messuages, Tenements, Cottages, Orchards, Gardens, Lands and Estates, situate in Hatherleigh and Shipwash, in the County of Devon, the Estates of Robert Hooper, of Hatherleigh aforesaid, subject to divers Terms and Estates. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

TO be sold peremptorily to the best Bidder, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Samuel Burroughs, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Chancery-lane, on the 19th Day of January Instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, a large Messuage, with Stables, Coach-houses, Gardens and Ground thereto belonging, situate in Old Spring Garden, adjoyning to St. James's Park, held by Grant from the Crown for a Term of about Forty seven Years yet to come, at Forty Shillings per Annum Rent, late the Estate of Edward Nicholas, Esq; deceased. Particulars of the said Estate may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Homer, of Tamworth, in the County of Warwick, Mercer, intend to meet on the 14th of February next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contribution Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And whereas the Proofs of several of the Debts which were made before the Commissioners, have been (as is supposed) taken from a Gentleman's Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, therefore the several Creditors of the said Bankrupt are desired to send an Account of their respective Debts, and whether they have proved the same, to Mr. Benjamin Hodgson, Clerk to the Commissioners, in Friday-street, London, on or before the First of February next.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Iremines, late of London, Silk-Weaver, intend to meet on the 4th of February next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankruptcy awarded against John Turner, Jun. late of King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, Wine Merchant, do hereby give Notice, that they intend to meet at the Duke's Head in King's Lynn aforesaid, on Monday the 17th of January Instant, at Three a-Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, in order to finish the Bankrupt's Examination; at which Time and Place, and also on the Day following, all Persons indebted to the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, are required to pay the same to John Goodwyn, Esq; Assignee of the Bankrupt's Estate; and all Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, may come prepared to prove the same, and pay Contribution-Money.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Marden, of Maidstone, in the County of Kent, Timber-Merchant, intend to meet on the 29th Instant, at Two in the Afternoon, at the House of Philip Orp, being the Sign of the Bell in Maidstone aforesaid, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contribution Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

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